



VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP SPY POND COMMITTEE

JANUARY 5, 2016 MEETING Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Bob and Harriet Noyes, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, David White; Agnes O'Donnell **Facilitator:** Brad Barber **Minutes:** Agnes O'Donnell (w/ edits)

2016 meetings: 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday, Town Hall Annex, first floor -- Jan, 5. Feb. 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as amended.
- David White of the Conservation Commission reviewed the Water Bodies' Assessment and Recommendations Spreadsheet and Report, for submission to the Finance Committee.
- The warrant article for the water bodies fund was submitted to the town counsel. Brad suggested that it be presented to the Fin Com by the Conservation Commission, which is reviewing all 14 water bodies in town. David will ask the Con Com to do this. Steve recommended asking for \$50,000 to be appropriated for the total of water bodies listed. Joey Glushko reported that the warrant article is now in the Town Counsel's hands for review. .
- Dick Terry is working on a fresh copy of the Fertilizer Flyer.
- Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) submitted their report to the National Heritage and Endangered Species Program and the Conservation Commission.
- Steve Ricci recommended that the endangered species survey be given to the Spy Pond Committee or Conservation Commission.
- Regarding Trails Day on May 14, Arlington/Belmont crew team rowers cannot be there. Brad will try to arrange an alternate date when they can help. A Spy Pond Committee member should be there to supervise tasks, such as control of invasive plants. Bill Eykamp will contact MyRWA to see if sharing of community service labor is available. Elizabeth Karpati suggested discussing a date with them that respects their priorities, with the viewpoint that we are all part of the same watershed.
- The Spy Pond Committee report will be prepared by Brad for inclusion in the Vision 2020 annual report. Information will include the need for effective

treatment of the pond and the negative consequences this year of not being able to treat the pond.

- Seen on the pond this month: swan family of seven, eagle, osprey, Coopers hawk, and others.
- Next meeting date is February 2, 2016.